

## **BEECHWOOD SURGERY**

### **Private Fees and Charges**

The NHS provides most health care free of charge. However there are a number of other services for which fees can be charged. These are mainly for services not covered by the NHS, such as medical reports for insurance companies.

Doctors are involved in a whole range of non-medical work, largely on the basis that they occupy a position of trust within the community, and are in the position to verify the accuracy of information. If a GP signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a professional duty that (s)he checks the accuracy of such information. This may involve examining the patient's entire medical record.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What certificates do I have to pay for?**

There are a number of certificates which GPs are obliged to provide free of charge. These include certain certificates supporting claims by patients for social security benefits.

If a patient is off work for seven days or less the GP does not have to provide a sick note. A patient can be refused a note or charged for a private one for illnesses of seven days or less.

#### **I only need a Doctor's signature – what is the problem?**

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, therefore, the doctor might have to check the patient's entire medical record.

Carelessness or an incorrect report can have serious consequences for the doctor with the General Medical Council (the doctors' regulatory body).

#### **How long will I need to wait for a report?**

A doctor's priority will always be the care provided for patients under the NHS. The work described here is non-NHS work which is often carried out outside of normal working hours and the waiting time is therefore affected.

Please ask our Reception Team for further details on appointment times.

#### **What will I be charged?**

The BMA recommends that GPs tell patients in advance if they will be charged, and what the fee will be. It is up to individual doctors to decide how much they will charge, but the BMA produces lists of suggested fees which many doctors use.

Payment for services is to be made by cash. A receipt will be provided on all occasions.

If the service you require is not on the list provided please contact the Practice Manager to arrange a quotation.

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**Patient Fees – For services not provided under the NHS**

The services shown are not provided under the National Health Service contract and the following fees will be charged. If you have any questions relating to these fees, please address them to your doctor or the Practice Manager before requesting the service.

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Access to medical records (First SAR is free of charge) Patients to have online access where possible	£10.00 (standard) +£0.10 per page £50.00 (maximum) £100 (2 <sup>nd</sup> full set of notes)
Private prescription	£18.00
Private sick note	£26.00
Private insurance claim forms	£30.00 (minimum)
To whom it may concern letter (GP's time/Admin time)	£37.00
Child minding form	
➤ Ofsted health declaration (SCC/Local Authority)	£98.00
➤ Other – not complex	£41.00
Mental capacity certificate	
➤ with examination	£150.00
➤ without examination	£80.00
Lasting Power of Attorney	£150.00
Supporting letter for re-housing/proof of address (GP's time/Admin time)	£37.00
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	
Employment/pre-employment medical and report	£165.00
Report for Occupational Health purposes including examination	£135.00
Report on Pro-forma (GP's time/Admin time)	£89.50
HGV/PSV/Taxi medical and report	£95.00
Army medical report (no examination)	£65.00
Shotgun licence (report on a pro-forma)	£89.50
<b>DRIVING</b>	
Elderly/Racing medical and report	£40.00
Driver insurance form	
➤ with examination	£95.00
➤ without examination	£55.00
Seatbelt exemption letter (Must have exemption cert. from DfT - Phone 0300 123 1102 to order certs)	£25.00
<b>TRAVEL</b>	
Fitness to travel (GP's time/Admin time)	£37.00
Cancellation of holiday claim form	£45.00 (£60 with examination)
Confirmation of prescription medicines letter (GP's time/Admin time)	£37.00
<b>FOSTERING/ADOPTION – NO NEW APPLICATIONS</b>	
Form AH update	£24.50
<b>TEMPORARY RESIDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NHS TREATMENT</b>	
Private consultation (20 minutes)	£60.00
Private prescription	£18.00

**SERVICES WE DO NOT PROVIDE**

Passport forms

Offshore medicals and reports

Asbestos medicals and reports

**FEES SHOULD BE PAID BY BACS. PATIENTS TO PAY BY CASH.**